



DIALOG

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Free Career Planning Workshop

Have your job?
 Unsure of what type of work you'd enjoy and do well at?
 Can't understand where the jobs are today?
 If you said yes to any one of these questions, George Brown College can help with a free, three-hour Career Planning Workshop.

Topics Explored in the Workshop include:
 -the need to assess your strengths and weaknesses - and find the work that's right for you
 -the advantages of creating a personal career action plan that gets results
 -how to develop a strategy for marketing your skills to employers
 -practical steps to harness your entrepreneurial spirit
 -how to research training and employment opportunities

Monday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

followed by a 30 minute question and answer period

January 19 February 16 March 16 April 20
 St. James Campus

Room 128 (Lecture Theatre)

Advanced registration required. No fees or cost.

Call 416-415-2900 ext. 3444

Your Workshop Leader:

Lisa Trudel, who combines a background in theatre and college-level career consulting to present vital information in an entertaining way.

Untitled By Jason Bisnet

Admit, you prefer Horatio.
 Incestuous nature, but never once subjected
 you to any postoperative situations
 Wrap this little gift in a carefully penned
 sonnet.

Slip into the grave train.
 Shift gears until you plough your way
 through this mess.
 To be or not to be, this is the question that
 preoccupies us.

Only one article, highlighting the event.
 Blown up and lacking depth.
 Imitation Xerox and the dirty boys' cup.
 Empty adverbs linger.
 The sensational blockbuster event.
 The corner of Queen and John
 The literary hot spot.

The decision to be sensually and sexually
 intoxicating.
 The moral belief that all man is created
 equal.
 Lift all scars that have been applied to your
 ethical being.
 Watch the news.
 Listen carefully to well dressed, highly paid
 executives.
 Their dreams are empty.
 The gold, stark reality of any mired.

From the Editor's Desk

Every year around this time, many people start getting the urge to go shopping. It's the holiday season, and we are now being barraged by reminders that it is the season, so we better start shopping. Whether or not we even celebrate Christmas, we are constantly reminded that we should be out *shopping, shopping, shopping*, and spending money. It's kind of a shame.

There are so many other things the holiday season could be. It could be a time to get together with family and friends. It could be a time to relax and forget about the rush of the workday. It could be a time to do nice things for people...just because, and, it could be a time to exchange gifts - the idea in itself is not bad. It's a nice thing to do, but does it have to be such a big deal?

Unfortunately, the idea of exchanging small gifts as tokens of friendship has been taken over by a third party, be it Canadian Tire's Scrooge, or Eaton's - who wants to be your holiday store, or one of countless other stores, the bottom line is that they want your money. While Christmas trees and holly leaves are making you see green, they see green for an entirely other reason. Christmas for them is not a holiday - it is a financial event. Over the years, it has become more and more focused on giving expensive gifts, rather than on getting together with family and friends, or taking some time for yourself. Christmas is getting more and more like a TV commercial.

For those who aren't financially able to afford shopping at "your holiday store", television commercials, shiny advertising, and store window displays are only ways to make the Holiday season sadder. It seems a little unfair to spend huge amounts of money on gifts when there are those who don't have *any* money to spend. Do we really need to celebrate the holidays in such a money-centered way?

There are other ways of giving gifts. Go and sort food for the Daily Bread Food Bank on Christmas Eve. Donate nonperishable food to the food bank. Do a random act of kindness. Visit someone you haven't seen in a long time. Spend some time volunteering at a local agency that needs your help. Rest assured that your time spent will be much appreciated.

If you are planning on buying gifts for people, check out our *Christmas Shopping Guide*, for some of our favorite places to buy, that practice fair trade and ethical business policies. This is a good way to avoid big chain stores that may not use fair trade practices. It's also another way of giving during the holidays - by supporting businesses who have ethical trading practices you are supporting those who manufacture the goods you are buying. Christmas is a good time to think about others in the world that we might be exploiting by buying from big companies, who count on cheap labour to make big profits. So, again, check out our shopping guide. It will tell you how to: get ethically traded coffee at Bridgehead Trading, fruity environmentally friendly soap at Body Shop, or cool beads and candles at Frida Craft, whose policy is to pay their workers a fair wage.

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We want your views!
 Contact the Student Association for more details.

Revolution Girl Style

By Margaret Wall

Fireweed, a Toronto based feminist journal with an 18 year history of publishing award-winning work rooted in many different communities, experiences, and literary genres, has published a special issue of young women's work. The double issue #59/60, comprised completely of work by women under the age of 22, celebrates young women's unique experiences and voice. It originated from a proposal by coordinator's Zoe Newman and Kelly O'Brien's, which resulted in the two receiving a Get Up! Stand Up! grant from the Trillium Foundation. This enabled them to produce the issue on the large scale that they did. As such, the project took on a national scope, and includes work by women nationwide.

O'Brien and Newman sought the skills and woman power of almost twenty young women, who, in fact, reflected the population of the women reading and contributing to the issue. This group of women brought their varied community organizing, editing and fundraising skills to the collective, and gained new skills as they worked together to produce the issue. They shared a passion for empowering and building a community of strong young women.

The collective put out a call for submissions and ended up with work from women 10-22. The call was put out in high schools, community groups, and youth organizations from coast to coast, and resulted in the submission of over 500 interesting and diverse pieces. The issue is characterized by its unruly attitude and the unique literary styles represented, and is very much reflective of its title- *Revolution Girl Style*.

This 144 page issue includes work by up and coming young writers, artists, and zinesters, among them, "A Manifesto of the Girl To Be" by Ivana Shein, "On the Subway You Speak of Love" by Megan Rivers-Moore,

"Black Love" by Jemini, "She Consumes Pop Culture" by Tracy Allison Andrews, "Queens in the Summer" by Lorraine Hewitt, "This is about Ageism and HIV" by Boa d'Ruele, "To Serve and Protect Racism" by Debbie Young, "Ode to Girls in the Sky" by Zoe Whittal, "Agitate from Within" by Debra Anderson, and "Bikini Summer" by Al Neilson.

These young women have written about everything from fighting back to coming out, to road trips, to heart break, to body piercing to political activism, and more.

After a year of meetings, decision making, and hard work, the guest collective of *Fireweed Feminist Quarterly's* special double issue, *Revolution Girl Style*, is celebrating with a multimedia party, comprised of readings, music, and film, to launch the issue. The issue will be published December 10, and the guest collective will host the party on the 13th.

So, come to the launch party and support the young women who have contributed to this issue, and the women who have compiled it. Fireweed has a tradition of throwing a good launch party, so don't miss this one. It's at 8:00 p.m. on December 13th, at Ted's Wrecking Yard, 549 College Street, west of Bathurst. Admission is free with the purchase of the issue (\$9), or \$5. There is a sliding scale for students and those who are unemployed. There will be performances by contributors to the issue, and girl bands *Queen Size Shag*, *Lisa Myers* and surprise guests, high school rappers *Fenomenalz*, and guest appearances by *Lynne Fernie* - founding member of Fireweed, and *Lillian Allen*.

The issue is available at the launch, and also at bookstores across Toronto, including Toronto Women's Bookstore, A Different Booklist, This Ain't the Rosedale Library, Glad Day, Pages, Lichtman's, BookCity, and across the rest of Canada. For more information, call Fireweed, 416-504-1339.

DIALOG DEADLINE SCHEDULE

Editor - Margaret Wall 415-2900 ext. 89165

Monday, January 12

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Tuesday, February 3

Dialog Published - Wed, February 17

Tuesday, February 24

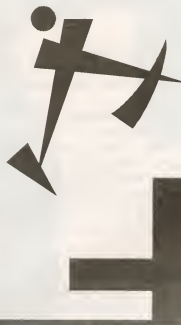
Dialog Published - Wed, March 10

Tuesday, March 17

Dialog Published - Wed, April 1

Tuesday April 7

Dialog Published - Wed, April 22



Gotta Love Those Americans

During all my travels in the States; driving south through Florida to Key West, a road trip from Toronto to South Padre Island, Texas and several smaller jaunts, there was always an aspect of America that remained elusive to me. There was a difference in the atmosphere in which Americans lived, something tangible but hidden. And then on my most recent trip to Connecticut and New York, standing outside a Puerto Rican bar on a deserted street in Bridgeport, waiting for a cab that would never pick us up in that area, I suddenly realized what it is that I love about America. It's the lifestyle of those wild and crazy yanquis.

Americans have a totally different lifestyle than Canadians. Our fear of becoming an American state is perhaps based more on secret yearning than an actual threat. Americans, for the most part, are obsessed with the enjoyment of life. They are eager consumers, not only of products but of pleasure as well. They work to live. They are intense and passionate. They enjoy the fruits of their labour, and spend it on what makes them feel good. The importance of having money is superceded only by what you do with it. It is a consumer-driven society where you can't help but notice firstly what other people have, and secondly, what you don't. And for all the rhetoric I spew on corporate America being the modern virus that will kill us all, the

hedonistic tendencies in me, which are perhaps higher than average, blossom in this atmosphere. For me, pleasure is an intrinsic part of life, not an once-in-a-while treat. And yes, it could be argued that the simple joys of life cannot be realized by purchasing the newest television system, or falling into bed at four in the morning on a work night, but don't kid yourself, it helps. After all, we are only human.

Canadians are generally more committed to their jobs, then to their social lives. They will forego any pleasure that does not contribute to the ascent up the ladder, and we lavishly spend their money on conserva-

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getting ready for another day at work, but weekend nights as well. Unable to unite a life of indulgence with a serious career focus, they whittle their youth away developing financial portfolios they will benefit from only when they are able to upgrade from particle board to cedar for their coffin. Americans love to party and enjoy themselves, get rowdy. And yes, they are obnoxious,

loud, arrogant, cocky, but they have fun doing it. What causes this difference? Americans sometimes give the impression that they are on a final bender before the drink runs out. They have an air of survival-mode we don't have up here. Life is hard for most Americans, the security nets are not so tightly woven as in Canada. The gap between success and failure is much wider down south, so if you screw up you're toast, but if you succeed, it will be on a level not possible in Canada. This intensely crazy atmosphere gives birth to both death and life, tragedy and wonder. For me, give me these extremes any day - at least it will keep me awake.



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE!! GIVE GENEROUSLY

The foodbanks brought to you by the Student Association and Student Affairs will be running a food drive from November 17 through to December 12, 1997. Students can drop-off a non-perishable food item in their Student Association Office. Food can also be dropped off at the St. James or Casa Loma Pub. The Student Association and Student Affairs would like to thank all of the students who are able to donate to our Holiday Food drive.

Dahlia Nicholson

December 6 Memorial

On December 6, the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, an annual memorial will be held in remembrance of women whose lives have been stolen by violence. The memorial is, in part, for the fourteen women who were murdered in Montreal, but it is not only for those women. It is for all women whose lives have been taken by violence in the past year in Ontario. It is for all women whose lives have been taken by violence, ever.

The service will be held at 12:00 p.m. December 5, in the Michener Institute Auditorium, beside Nightingale Campus. Please attend this service to show your support for the struggle to end violence against women.

Christmas Shopping Guide

If you buy gifts for your friends and family this holiday season, check out this list for information on where to get environmentally friendly, worker friendly gifts, without spending a million dollars.

The Annex Grassroots

Environmentally friendly, which is good all year round, but what better time than the holidays to start making conscious choices to be environmentally friendly.

*The Annex is filled with stores like this, just go for a walk down Bloor St. W and you'll find all kinds of cool stores and interesting stuff.

Chester Subway

Carrot Common Earthly Goods

*The same idea as the Annex, get off the subway and go for a walk. You'll come across some cool stuff.

Front Street at the Hummingbird Centre Mountain Equipment Co-op

Mountain Equipment Co-op is great for getting useful gifts. Although it is expensive, it has all kinds of little stuff you can get for stocking stuffers that aren't as expensive- interesting hats, the warmest gloves in town, 70% cocoa chocolate bars, you name it.

Frida Craft

All kinds of interesting clothes, crafts, glassware, candles, beads. Rest assured that the people who made the crafts in Frida Craft are being paid a fair wage. Frida Craft does not buy from people who use child labour or exploit their workers.

Kensington Market

Courage My Love

A really interesting second hand store in Kensington Market. You can get all kinds of clothes, rings, necklaces, ankle bracelets, beads, fancy wooden combs, old postcards, interesting fancy gloves, body piercing jewellery, etc.

*Kensington Market is all about second hand stores. All you have to do is walk to the corner of Dundas and Spadina, and you'll find your way into a few streets lined with second hand stores. The concept here is recycle. Save some of the world's precious resources, and get stuff that's original, not rubber stamped chain store stuff.

Yonge and Bloor

Bridgehead Trading (Roy's Square - off Yonge, south of Bloor)

Wouldn't it be nice to be able to get coffee that you know has been traded fairly? Well, Bridgehead is the place to go for that. Not only can you get gourmet coffee, you can get all kinds of cool things, from clothes, to musical instruments, to stone candle holders, to hand carved wooden spoons...

Elmington and St. Clair

York Senior's Centre

Seniors at the York Senior's Centre make and sell quilts at Christmas time. Support the senior's centre instead of a big chain if you're buying a quilt this year.

Ossington and Dundas

Christmas Bazaar - St. Christopher's House

Here, you can get interesting little things, definitely the place to get something original and handmade, and great for stocking stuffers.

Miscellaneous

Body Shop

The Body Shop is good because it contributes lots of money to good community building and fair trade work, and because it practices ethical production, and because of its cool ad campaigns that actually promote reality, unlike some cosmetics companies. From a shopping point of view, it's probably already one of the most popular places to shop for Christmas gifts, with its wide range of beautiful smelling products. There's something for everybody at the Body Shop. Goodwill

Here, we revisit the concept of recycling. Sometimes you can get interesting things there that you wouldn't find anywhere else. They also have gift certificates. Recycling is good.

Your Local Used Bookstore

Why pay a million bucks for Christmas presents. Buy your friends their favorite books, and recycle, at the same time.

Your Local Used Record Store

Same idea, there are a lot of used record stores in Toronto. If you are downtown, just take a walk down Queen St. W. and you'll find a few. You can get most CD's for under ten dollars, sometimes, even less.



ENTERTAINMENT

theater

Rent- Nov. 25-Jan. 31

Cheapest- Day of only

tickets-\$20

Box office opens 10:30

am

Wed. matinee and

Sunday evening-\$25-60

Princess of Wales Theatre

Phone (416)872-1212

Slava's Snowshow-Jan 6-Feb 8

Cheapest-Wed. matinee-

\$26.50-\$6.50

Princess of Wales Theatre

Phone (416)872-1212

Complete works (see previous paper)

I Love You, Your Perfect Now

Change(see previous)

The Visit - Nov. 27-Dec. 13

Alumnae Theatre Main Stage

Admission:\$12

Wed.(2for1) through Sat. at 8pm

Sunday matinee at 3:00 (PWYC)

Television

"Get A Life"-series for Canada's

job seeking youth

Sundays at 7:00 pm

Rogers Community TV Channel

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art

OCAD - Be Hold With In -works

by Emma Kokai, Elizabeth

Ludviks, Katherine Mulhern,

Nicole Tomlin, Opens November

27, 5-7 pm; to December 13. 291

Dundas

Christmas sales

Toronto Dance Theater: The

Silver Sale

Hand crafted sterling sil-

ver & gemstone jewelry from studios in

Bali, Nepal and

Thailand. Also holiday crafts.

Prices from \$5

Winchester St. Theater

80 Winchester St.

Dec. 6&7

11am - 4pm

Free Admission

Winter Lunacy (co-op Indie

record sale)

The 360

326 Queen Street West

12-6

Free Admission (charity

donation to CHUM/CITY

Christmas Wish

Foundation)

concerts

Our Lady Peace - Jan. 14

Copps Coliseum, Hamilton

\$19.50/\$27.50

Shelter - December 6

Club Shanghai

Rolling Stones and Tea Party -

Jan. 9

Skydome

\$39.50-\$60

Oasis - Jan. 15

Maple Leaf Gardens

\$25-36

Portishead - Dec. 7

The Warehouse

\$20.50



Marty Putz recently entertained students with his crazy comedy act.

Common Still Makes Sense!

by DJ P-Funk

(on vinyl or in concert)

It's time for the resurrection of your headphones! To put it simply - this new album is banger! The albums title says it all - "One Day It'll All Make Sense". Many of the joints on this album not only entertain but educate, whether it's teaming up with Lauren Hill for a deeply truthful rap on abortion or rhyming with Goodie Mob's Cee-Lo, there's a real positive essence. With the exception of one of my favorite tracks (it's hidden at the end of the cd and it doesn't have a title but I'd call it "the bitch in you"). It's lyrical gravity to pour on top of the beef with Common & Ice Cube. Other phat tracks are "Food for Funk", "All night long" with Erykah Badu, "Stolen Moment Part I, II and especially III" with Q Tip and "1,2, many..." feel free to stop by the lounge and request any of these tracks when DJ P-Funk brings the noise.

I was blessed when Common brought the noise to T.O. He also brought a live band with a live DJ (better than a dead one). I've been to many concerts and nothin' beats hearing an emcee flow to live beats considering Commons method. First he ran on stage to the mic, grabbed it with force and rapped it with rhymes. He'd kick a verse then change to another verse from a different rap in time with the band and the DJ. The shit was raw unadulterated funk.

I'd like to send a shout out to the beautiful lady that begged up the P-Funk show. "Keep listenin' when I rock the show you'll know!"

Also, I recently got to hear all of D'Angelo's album "Brown Sugar" (props B). If you haven't heard it - buy it. Enough said. There's only two ways I can describe it

1. "Brown Sugar" sounds so sweet it'll give your cavities cavities

2. This album is so butter it makes Parkway shut the f--- up!



Everybody Salsa!

By Numa

Strutting into the darkness and smoke, I see vultures dressed like men leaning against the bar lounging around tables, their eyes like little magnets hoping to attract...anything. They watch me as I walk past, and then catch sight of another woman as I disappear into the dance floor mist. A kiss on each cheek to the people I know, and I'm scoping the place for my favourite dancers. I am in one of the latin clubs in Toronto, where the atmosphere is hot and the music is scorching. I love it because it's a glamorous atmosphere, not because everyone dresses to look good, but because people can throw off their boring daytime persona and become sexy, crazy dancers completely absorbed in the thump coming from the speakers. The latin scene is filled with people from different backgrounds, ages and social circles, bound together by a fierce love of latin music and dance. Everyone should visit a latin club once, just to see what all the fuss is about. You will hear salsa, merengue, bachata, cumbia, tango, r&b, hip-hop, dance and reggae and see people like you doing amazing stuff on the dance floor. Once you go, you will either hate it or helplessly fall in love and begin a passionate love affair you can have for the rest of your life.

My present favourites:

Babalu's

Cover: none on Thursday and Sunday, great DJ Thursday and Friday.

Atmosphere: Mixed Yorkville crowd, bored suits who come to watch the dancing, amazed newcomers to the scene, and dancers who have been around for awhile. There is also an available drum to play on if you can keep up with the music.

Dress code: Friday and Saturday have a dress code but on Thursdays and Sundays nice-looking jeans are fine.

Dance floor: sometimes very slippery so adds a new challenge to the dancing. Gets crowded, so better plan on going around 10-11pm and staying late.

Havana's Cigar Club at Houstons

Cover: none on Friday and Saturday

Atmosphere: very swanky surroundings, strange mix of regulars and people who look like they are in the wrong place.

Dress code: simple - dress up.

Dance Floor: much less slippery than Babalu's, and nice size for the room.

El Rancho

Cover: generally \$8.00.

Atmosphere: lots of regulars and single people to dance with.

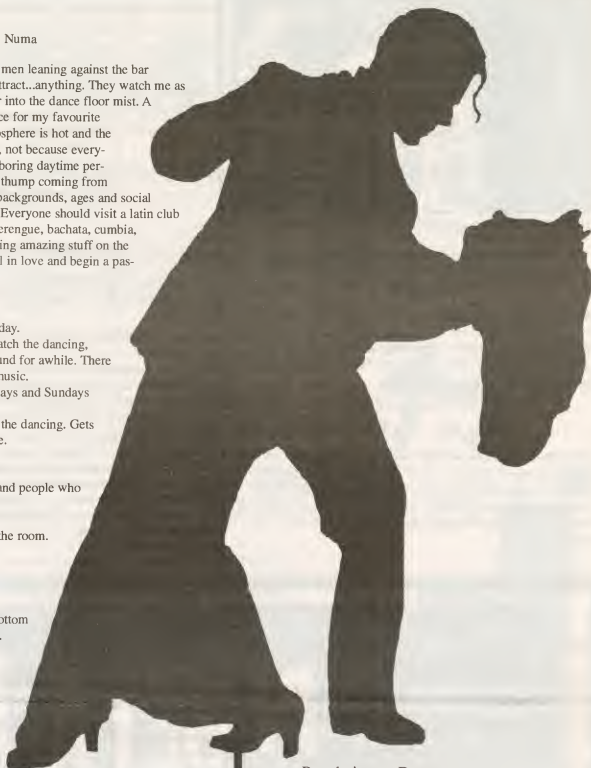
Dress code: enforced on weekends.

Dance floor: very good, gets crowded, but on certain nights the bottom floor is open and you can dance there in a more quiet atmosphere. Interested in taking lessons?

Lots of options, but my recommendation is La Classique, (a latin club) because the price includes free cover to the club any night.

Take your lessons at the club and then stay and salsa the night away. Without practice, all your lessons will mean nothing.

Alberto Gomez, the owner and instructor, is very flashy but knows his stuff.



Revolutionary Dreams

i used to dream militant dreams of taking over america to show these white folks how it should be done

i used to dream radical dreams of blowing everyone away with my perceptive powers of correct analysis

i even used to think i'd be the one to stop the riot and negotiate the peace then i awoke and dug that if i dreamed natural dreams of being a natural woman doing what a woman does when she's natural i would have a revolution

Nikki Giovanni



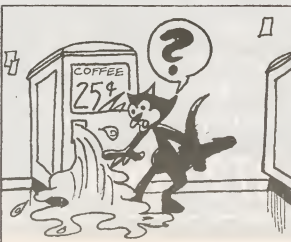
I got into latin dancing about two years ago, and can't go a week without it. I remember my first time seeing a couple dancing salsa well, and I thought it was the most amazingly glorious thing I had ever seen. I also thought that there was no way I could ever do that. Well, two years later here I am. It is a totally different experience to go to a club where people are there to dance, not just sit and drink. People dress up to look good, and you can dance with lots of different people without trying to pick them up. Throughout the evening you will hear the adrenaline rush of a fast salsa, the seduction of a cumbia, merengue, bachata, probably some R&B and reggae too. People in this scene love to have fun, they love music and they love to dance. It is a sensual, healthy way to interact. And you get to wear fun clothes!

Others
sexual aspect
power of music
fun shoes
getting used to dancers who have their own style - your favourite for different dances
getting sweaty and having a great time.



ON CAMPUS

by Paul Ouimette





The coach gives some motivation at a Ohio Tournament

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION

AEROBICS

Aerobics classes are healthy and alive with over 100 participants strong at both St. James and Casa Loma Campuses. Students are still welcome to join the classes. Remember, there is no cost! Classes are Mon. and Wed. 4-5 pm and Fri. 12-1 at St. James, and Tues/Thurs. 4-5 pm at Casa Loma.

Come have fun and stay fit!

ICE HOCKEY

Intramural Ice Hockey is well into the season. The games have been intense and very competitive. There are only 3 points separating first from last. League play takes place Tuesday nights at Bill Bolton Arena from 8:30pm to 10:30 pm. Come out and enjoy the action! If you would like more information or to register, please call Val at 415-4714.

VOLLEYBALL INVITATIONAL

G.B.C. hosted a Volleyball Tournament on November 22. The teams involved were the Columbus Centre 'A' and 'B' teams, Mohawks College, G.B.C. Alumni, and G.B.C. Varsity Men. The Columbus Centre 'B' team defeated the 'A' team in the final. The Varsity Huskies performed well but didn't qualify for the playoffs, while the G.B.C. Alumni finished in 3rd place.

TABLE TENNIS

College Champ: Nguyen-Phat Luu
Runner up: Mohammad Jazi

BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

Casa Loma Champ: Andrew Chow Runner up: Randy Nelson
St. James Champ: Dean Lavic Runner up: Aleem Lahda

EXTRAMURAL ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

On Friday, November 21, G.B.C. played in a Hockey tournament hosted by Sheridan College. Our team was made up of 14 players from the Intramural Hockey league. The Huskies got in a few pre-tournament practices and went in looking strong and feeling confident. We were placed in a tough division with teams from Sheridan, Durham, and Seneca. A great effort was put in throughout the day, but unfortunately the Huskies came up short in all three games. They lost 5-3 to Sheridan, a heartbreaker against Durham, 4-3, and finally 7-3 to Seneca. Coaches Angelo Moutoulas and Chris Flood were proud of the team's effort and are looking forward to better results in the future.

sports



**Team Canada
Olympic Roster**
@ Nagano Japan

Goal

Martin Brodeur
Curtis Joseph
Patrick Roy

Defense

Eric Desjardins
Rob Blake
Ray Bourque
Al Macinnis
Chris Pronger
Scott Stevens
Adam Foote

Forwards

Wayne Gretzky
Rod Brind'Amour
Shayne Corson
Theoren Fleury
Paul Kariya
Trevor Linden
Eric Lindros
Joe Sakic
Keith Primeau
Joe Nieuwendyk
Brendan Shanahan
Steve Yzerman
Rob Zamuner

Coach

Marc Crawford

G.M.

Bob Clarke

Assistant G.M.

Pierre Gauthier
Bob Gainey

**Bring Home
The GOLD!**

PI BETA JAM

STUDENT DUNK DISCOUNT DAYS
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HORNETS

Tues. Dec. 9, 7:00pm

BUCKS

Fri. Dec. 19, 8:00pm

MAGIC

Wed. Jan. 7, 7:00pm

KINGS

Wed. Jan. 21, 7:00pm

MAVERICKS

Thur. Feb. 5, 7:00pm



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IMPORTANT OSAP INFORMATION

MAILING OF JANUARY LOANS

Once again, we are planning to mail out the January installment of Canada/Ontario Student Loans.

If you have a change of address, or if you do not wish to have your loan mailed out to you, please contact the Financial Assistance Office, Room 201B, St. James Campus, not later than December 5th.

However, if a postal strike threatens to disrupt December's mail, we will not take the chance of putting the loans in the mail, and student's would then have to pick them up in the Financial Assistance Office when they return in January.

OSAP AT CASA LOMA CAMPUS

There will be an OSAP consultant available at the Casa Loma Campus in the Student Affairs area (just off the cafeteria), every Friday until 4:00 p.m.

You may arrange a specific appointment through the receptionist in the Student Affairs office, or drop in and wait your turn. The consultant will be pleased to discuss appeal possibilities and requirements, complete Schedule 11's and Form R's, and respond to general inquiries.

Loan documents must still be picked up at the St. James Campus location.

ONTARIO WORK STUDY PROGRAM

This year, under the Ministry of Education and Training's new policy, students who are recipients of OSAP may have income, from any source, of up to \$600.00 during the whole of their school year. Students who receive more than the \$600.00 maximum income during the school year will have their OSAP eligibility reduced by 80% of anything over the \$600.00. This will result in an overpayment of OSAP funding for the 1997/1998 year, which will reduce OSAP entitlement in the following year(s) and may affect the amount you will repay.

Please contact Denise of the Financial Assistance Office at 415-2488 if you have any questions/concerns regarding the Ontario Work Study Program for this year.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

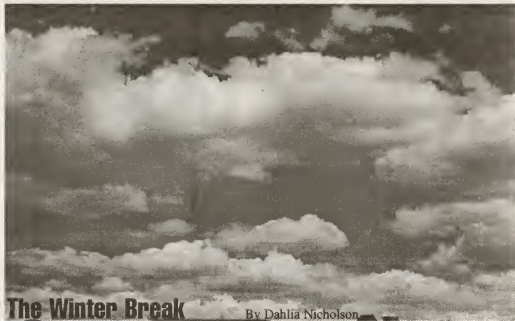
This year, information on scholarships and awards will be available on the College's Web Page. The address through which to access information on scholarships and awards is:

<http://www.gbcwmc.on.ca/GBCWEB/StudentAffairs/FinAid/awards.html>

HOW HAVE WE DONE SO FAR???

We are always eager to find new ways to improve the level of our service to you, and would like to have your thoughts on how we might do it better. Please drop us a line, give us a call or simply drop in to talk to Audrey Albert if you have any ideas (or concerns) you would like to share. Audrey can be reached at 415-2489.

Thank you in advance, for taking the time to contact us.



The Winter Break

By Dahlia Nicholson

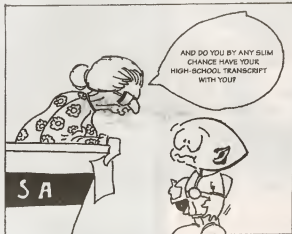
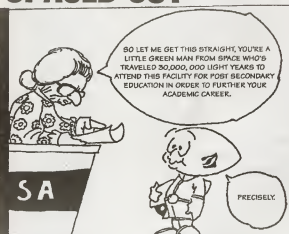
So the holiday season is here and some of us are about to return home to spend a few weeks with our families. I would like to share a few words of wisdom with you before you head home to rekindle your loving relationship with your parents.

- 1) Do not leave any dirty dishes in the sink — you are not home at your apartment with all the other slobs that you usually share with. Your parents will not appreciate this new habit that you have picked up while living on your own.
- 2) Do not eat dinner while watching television — holiday dinner time is a time for families to get reacquainted with one another. This is not the time for you to decide that you would like to spend some time by yourself — plus your family will want to talk about your many adventures in Toronto. This leads me to number 3 of the don't list.
- 3) Do not tell your parents the "whole truth and nothing but the truth." It is best to use some discretion and to be a little evasive when they ask pointed questions about drinking, partying and sex. You must give them enough information to satisfy their curiosity. However, too much information can lead to a toxic melt down.

What you should do over the Holidays is catch up on your sleep so that you can party when you get back to school. Do have a wonderful and safe winter break. This would also be a great time for you to do some of that reading and home work that was due last semester. Your parents will think that you are trying to work ahead.

by bEN rOBOLY

SPACED OUT



Would \$1,000 help in February?

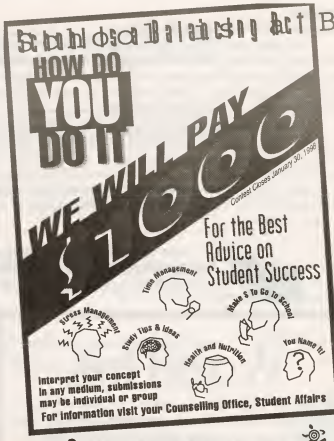
Have you checked out the New Ad Media Contest? We're asking you to share your educational experience and draw on your skills and talents to show others how they "Balance their Act" at college. Use your imagination to offer advice, ideas, tips and wisdom to create a valuable and resourceful tool for students entering college. You may include advice on stress / time management; health and nutrition; study skills; financing your education - you name it! Choose any medium - written, visual, video, audio.

All entries must be submitted to the **Counselling Office** at Casa Loma or St. James by **January 30, 1998** - that gives you about two months to execute your ideas. You can enter either individually or as a team.

A panel representing the student population (an alumnus), staff at GBC and New Ad Media will judge submissions. The winning submissions will be presented to the college community, incorporated into our Orientation Program and utilized by New Ad Media. The grand prize is \$1,000.00 and will be awarded by New Ad Media. Two additional prizes of \$250.00 each will be awarded by Student Affairs.

For more info, go to the Counselling Office at your campus or call me at 415 - 2674.

Franky Chernin, Student Success Coordinator



2nd Annual Student Awards Program



What's Cool on the Web?

Bill Gates is Satan Homepage

www.bxscience.edu/~waletky/billgates.html

Considering that Bill Gates garage cost \$1 million dollars, I think it's fair to say that the above description fits him. Does he really need a million dollar garage, for a family of two? That's not even the worst of it, what about his ploy to take over your ability to choose - did you know that the new Windows, has the built in feature that once you've downloaded it, you can't install any other browser on your computer?



Although Bill Gates may be a little self-interested, the author of this page doesn't really think that he is Satan (despite his reference to Billzabub). This page is satirical, and not meant to be taken in any other way. It mostly consists of a kind of funny rant about why Bill Gates is Satan, and some links to other similar pages, among them, Monopolysoft, Bill's Wall of Shame, Bill Gates Personal Wealth Clock, and www.enemy.org.

Pretext Magazine

<http://www.pretext.com/nov97/contents.htm>

Pretext Magazine is an interesting new online magazine. The current issue is designed around the theme of internet privacy. Content includes various articles under the *Text* section, a forum under, of course, the *Forum* section, and the *Pretext Interview*, with Phillip Zimmerman, the creator of PGP (Pretty Good Privacy). Also included in this issue are *Silicon Fusion*, "a satirical look behind the scenes at a high tech company where your techno-future could be taking shape". Another section of Pretext Magazine is *Best Stories on the Web*, which consists of stories on what seem to be random topics that are in the news.

One of the more interesting features of the magazine is where they had a P.I. investigate a few of their writers online. He found enough information to perform petty acts of harassment, and even to commit fraud, like credit card fraud. Kind of scary, considering that most of us have some sort of personal information on the web.

E-Cards

<http://www.e-cards.com/>

There are about a million virtual postcard sites on the net, but this is one of the better ones I've seen. It has a fair amount of pictures available, and features interesting pictures from diverse geographical locations. You can choose a postcard from various different categories, including Fauna, Flora, Regions, People, Places, Art, Writings, Endangered, Multimedia, and Occasions/Friendship.

Another interesting feature of this page is that it gives you information about the picture you are sending. For instance, if you are sending a picture from the endangered species category, you will be able to read a bit of information about that animal.

This is a different way to send e-mail that can be used for special occasions, or just to say hi to a friend in an unusual way.

ESPN SportsZone

<http://espn.sportszone.com/>

This page contains sports news, and all kinds of interesting features, including sections like *Health and Fitness*, *The Almanac*, *The Scoop*, and other miscellaneous columns and stories.

Also included on this web site are scoreboards, NFL, College Football, NBA, NHL, Men's College Basketball, Women's College Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Auto Racing, Golf, and Tennis.

You can also listen to games online, in the *Live Audio* Section, or interact in the *Chatter*, the *Polls*, or the *Letters* section.

Another interesting feature of this site is the *ZoneGames* section, where you can play Fantasy Football, Fantasy Basketball, or Fantasy Hockey.

alt.culture

<http://www.pathfinder.com/altculture/>

alt.culture, an a-z of the '90's has over 900 entries in its encyclopedia of '90's youth culture that spans grunge and gangsta, indie rock and indie film, cyberpunk and street fashion, extreme sports and political correctness, infomercials and zines. It is both a culture guide and an online compass, as most of it's entries have internet addresses that you can link to and surf around.

Some of the sections in alt.culture are *New Today*, *Boards*, and *Random*. In *New Today*, readers can look at the new entries in the alt.culture database. In *Random*, a random entry comes onto your screen. *Boards* is probably the most interesting section. It's a bulletin board section, where you can read and post messages - about culture of course. Some of the messages currently on the board are under the headings: Punk Rawk, Graffiti, New Beat Generation, dreadlocks and hair extensions, Grooves, and Satire Column.

Due to an unlikely accident (a loose toilet seat) Andy is unable to participate this issue. Look for submissions next issue.

What's Happening at The Howl

Every Thursday night is *Pub Night* in the Student Lounge at St. James Campus. DJ JC takes you from one o'clock in the afternoon through to the end of the pub, with Freestyle and House tunes. Check out the rest of the week at the student lounge:

Mondays	Dance and R+B
Tuesdays	Alternative and Freestyle
Wednesdays	R+B and House
Thursdays	R+B and Freestyle
Friday s	R+B and Freestyle

THURSDAY IS PUB NIGHT
FROM 2:00 P.M

Personals

Looking for love in all the wrong places?

Everything comes full circle whether we like it or not, so get ready to travel back in time to your high-school romance days!

We are now collecting personal ads for the first January issue.

Relive those days of innocent hallway love, sneaking up to the gym to make-out (oops, sorry Albert) sharing bagged lunch, walking to school together, and of course, slipping love notes into each other's locker.

Rules of the game

* Submissions cannot be more than 40 words.

* Drop your submission off at the SA Office beginning December 5th, 1997.

All submissions must be in an envelope.

* All submissions must be received by January 12, 1997

* Dialog retains the right to refuse ads that contain explicit information or requests.

See Now magazine for these types!

* More details for submitters and respondents will follow in the first January issue.

Dare to dream - express yourself on paper and see what happens. You spend all your time here anyway, so you might as well have another reason to come to school. Who knows, if you get lucky we might pipe in "Stairway to Heaven" to really complete your trip!

If you like, leave your phone number, or email address for someone to respond.

If not, when you drop your ad off in the Dialog box at the Student Association Office (by the student lounge), you will be assigned a number to which people can respond to. Responding to an ad?

If the ad you are interested in contains a number for you to respond to, write a letter and put that number on the front of the envelope. Take this envelope to the Student Association Office where you can drop it off.

Looking for responses to your ad?

If you have a confidential number, go to the Student Association Office and ask Raba if anyone has dropped off an envelope with your number on it.

Questions

How do we make sure the person picking up responses is the person who put the ad in? (has that assigned number?) can we give people a card they need to show SA office with the number one it to verify?

Classified

Virtuosa Wordsmith for successful writing, proof reading and editing of essays, reports and resumes. Contact Victoria Whitehead (416) 256-0217

Earn free New Years and Spring Break Party trips and/or cash! Respectable company celebrating tenth anniversary!!! Montreal, NYC, New Orleans... Call (416) 928-3227 or 1-800-465-1532.

Wanted: A Baby to Love

Warm, caring and financially secure couple with lots of love and laughter seeking to adopt a baby. Call Barbara and Steve: 1-800-861-7153

Earn MONEY and FREE TRIPS!!! Absolute Best Spring Break Packages available! INDIVIDUALS, student organizations, or small groups wanted! Call INTER_CAMPUS PROGRAMS at 1-800-327-6013 or <http://www.icpt.com>

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WorkLink

WorkLink is a NEW Internet-based job posting service which makes advertising jobs on Canadian campuses easier for employers and accessing job listings for students.



Remember:
The Dialogue
needs
YOU
to voice
your opinion!